



SCOTTSDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT DISTRICT 3 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

"Committed to the Community"

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BACK TO SCHOOL



Three simple words that bring joy to parents and anguish to children who wish their summer would never end. These three words also should conjure up thoughts of being especially careful when driving around schools.

Areas you have grown accustomed to driving through at 35 or 45mph will soon require greatly reduced speeds. Remember the speed limit is **15mph** and there is **no passing** in school zones. With 19 public and private schools in District 3, there is a high probability you will be driving through a school zone this fall. Another thing to look for is a child walking or riding their bike to and from school. Many times these children are crossing the road where no crossing guard is available. Like you, the Scottsdale Police Department is concerned with safety in and around our schools. To that end, officers will maintain high visibility during the first few weeks of school. Please help us make this school year a safe one. ♦

FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL

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| Scottsdale School District | 8-10-04 |
| Paradise Valley School District | 8-16-04 |
| Cave Creek School District | 8-16-04 |

WELCOME FROM COMMANDER DUGGAN

Throughout the past year, District 3 personnel have worked diligently towards achieving our operational goal of developing safer neighborhoods through community partnerships and participation. We realize it takes everyone working together to maintain the high level of safety and security we currently experience in our community.

District 3 police personnel are committed to focusing our resources and attention on strengthening our partnerships with neighborhoods, schools, businesses and community groups. Therefore, I am very pleased and excited to announce the creation of a new crime prevention officer position. Officer Eric Williams, a 15-year police veteran, recently was assigned to District 3 as our first full-time crime prevention officer. Officer Williams brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the District. His enthusiasm and commitment to crime prevention will be an asset to the District 3 community.

I also am equally excited to announce the introduction of this monthly electronic newsletter that will distribute information to the District 3 community. Officer Williams will manage the newsletter, which will provide monthly crime prevention tips as well as updates on police-community issues.

I look forward to strengthening the relationship between the Scottsdale Police Department and the District 3 community ♦

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Fast Facts

District 3 encompasses nearly two-thirds of the city's geographical area and serves over 90,000 residents north of Cactus Road



"G.A.I.N." A SAFER NEIGHBORHOOD

Protect your neighborhood from vandalism, auto theft, burglaries, drugs, robberies, gang activity and other crimes. Take an active role in preventing crime by participating in G.A.I.N. (**G**etting **A**rizona **I**nvolvement in **N**eighborhoods) this fall. Safe neighborhoods for all Arizonans is a goal APS proudly supports through its innovative G.A.I.N. program. Through G.A.I.N., APS helps tens of thousands of residents in neighborhoods across Arizona work together with their local law enforcement agencies to organize crime prevention events and activities. Block Watch organizations, neighborhood associations, city government and police and fire departments typically host G.A.I.N. events that include potluck picnics, mini carnivals, chili cook-offs, and ice cream socials. The events promote safer neighborhoods by:

- Increasing awareness of the importance of crime prevention
- Generating support for local crime prevention programs
- Strengthening neighborhood spirit and police-neighborhood partnerships
- Sending a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back against crime

This year's GAIN events will begin with the **G.A.I.N. Kickoff** held on Wednesday, September 8th at The Scottsdale Center for the Arts, 7380 E. 2ND St. The kickoff is geared toward helping party planners receive the necessary tools to host successful block parties on G.A.I.N. Night, Saturday, October 16th. For more information on G.A.I.N. please contact Lisa Cline at 480 312 7748 or lcine@scottsdaleaz.gov ♦



WATCH THOSE WASHES!

This looks like a picture you might see on The Tonight Show, a flash flood sign out in the middle of the desert. But in Arizona we understand this dry desert landscape can turn into a raging river in a very short period of time. In fact, a wash area less than two feet deep can sweep your car away and it only takes six inches of fast flowing water to sweep you off your feet. So, please be careful when you approach any running washes and pay attention to signs that say the road is closed ♦

DID YOU KNOW?



Last year, **77%** of all residential burglaries in District 3 were unforced. This means the thief entered through an open (unlocked) door or window. Remember, most burglaries are crimes of opportunity. In next month's issue we'll look at ways to keep you and your property safe ♦

CRIME TREND

You probably already know Arizona is the # 1 state for auto thefts. Recently auto thieves have targeted trucks and SUV's in the area of Scottsdale Road and Frank Lloyd Wright, including businesses in the Airpark. Interestingly, many of these thefts occur during daylight hours while the owner is working. Please remember to park your vehicle in a conspicuous area, take valuables with you, lock your doors and report any suspicious activity ♦

PARTY BUSTERS

The Scottsdale Police Department has introduced a **Hotline** to report large disruptive parties. These parties typically involve underage drinking, destruction of property and ultimately driving under the influence. Please call **(480) 312-9998** to report a party in your neighborhood.



If you have any questions or comments, would like to see a particular topic addressed in future issues, or be added or deleted from our distribution list please contact me at ewilliams@scottsdaleaz.gov,

Thank you,
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